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Military Advisers To Meet At Border

Scott and Obregon to Confer on General Problem of Mexican Situation.

HOPE FOR RESULTS
FROM DISCUSSIONS

Officials Place Great Faith in Diplomatic Skill of Chief of Staff. Villa Pursuit Practically at Standstill While Troops Rest.

NO REPLY AT PRESENT

No reply to Gen. Carranza's note will be made at present. Gen. Scott to be given time and chance to talk the situation over with Gen. Obregon—Pershing concentrates his troops so as to be prepared for whatever may develop.

Washington, April 24.—Further developments in the pursuit of Villa and the relations between the United States and Mexico now await personal discussion by the senior military advisers of the two governments.

A conference between Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of Staff of the American army, and Gen. Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government, was arranged late to-day to take place probably in Juarez. Gen. Scott is in San Antonio and Gen. Obregon is thought to be on his way north from Mexico City. They may meet to-morrow or next day.

Elsio Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, paid a second visit to Secretary Lansing to-day to communicate the fact that Gen. Carranza had agreed to the conference.

Mr. Arredondo called at the state department first to say that his government asked that some reply be made to the note of April 12, suggesting that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. A similar request was transmitted by Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City.

No Reply at Present
The ambassador was informed that no reply could be made to Gen. Carranza's note at present. Secretary Lansing is understood to have made it plain that the Washington government was anxious that Gen. Scott be (Continued on Page 8)

IMPORTANT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Buford and Carnes Schools, Recently Consolidated, to Make Substantial Improvements.

At a recent election the schools of Buford and Carnes consolidated into one for the purpose of building a modern school in this progressive community. The building and grounds of the old Buford school have been sold to the Bethlehem church for \$231.00, and the grounds and old building of the Carnes school have been sold to A. C. Carnes for \$80.00, making a total of \$311.00 received for the old property, same to be applied on the new property.

At a meeting of the trustees of the old school held in Lancaster Saturday, the present board of trustees, composed of R. W. Parker, R. M. Walters and M. C. Duncan together with two additional members, W. M. Estridge and J. E. Ursher, were appointed a building committee to arrange plans, etc., for the construction of the new building. It is planned to begin work on same by not later than August in order to have the new building completed and ready for school work this fall.

Prof. A. C. Rowell and Prof. Geo. Carnes have been elected teachers for the ensuing year. These people deserve great credit for the constructive work being done in this enterprising neighborhood, and the News predicts that much good from an educational standpoint will materialize.



Prof. C. E. Wessinger, Superintendent of the Lancaster Graded Schools, and His Able Corps of Teachers

The above cut represents Prof. C. E. Wessinger, of the Lancaster graded schools and his corps of popular and efficient teachers who are doing so much good for Lancaster in an educational way. The vast improvements which have been made in the Lancaster schools during the past year have been accomplished through the untiring efforts and far-sightedness of these progressive teachers.

As a result of the present day demand for increased efficiency of men and women in every walk of life, it should be a great satisfaction to the patrons of the Lancaster schools to know that every step possible is being taken to improve and enlarge the school facilities in order to meet this demand. The patrons should occasionally call during school hours in order to personally witness the real

constructive work being taught, and in this way, encourage the teachers in their efforts to improve the minds of the children. Co-operation in this way will be appreciated by them.

The demand for competent men and women has increased in greater ratio than the supply.

There is a cry in every line of activity, commercial, industrial and professional for men and women who

are more efficient. Men and women who can accomplish more; hence the main reason for improved conditions in the schools.

Therefore, the school which recognizes the demand of the future for practical education and is setting about to supply that demand by giving the oncoming generation an education of practical efficiency is the school which is doing its duty by its children—its future citizens.

"QUEEN OF BATTLES" DETHRONED FOR TIME

Artillery Bombardment Takes Place Infantry Activity on French and Belgian War Fronts—Struggle on Eastern Battle Line Continues With No Material Changes in Positions

Artillery bombardments alone are taking place on the French and Belgian fronts, the scenes of the greatest activity being the region of the Le Moret Homme and the Argonne forest, with the Germans the aggressors in the former and the French on the latter sectors. The French have been nibbling away at the German lines just west of the Meuse, however, and reports making further progress in a handgrenade attack northwest of Caurettes wood.

French aviators in squadrons formation have dropped shells on German positions at Longuyon, Stenay, Dunan near Montfau zone.

The fighting between the Russians and the Germans and Austrians along the eastern front continues at various points, but no important changes in positions are reported. The same is true of the Austro-Italian zone.

Vienna reports an attack last Sunday by seven Italian aeroplanes on the city of Trieste, in which nine civilians, five of them children, were killed and five wounded. The report says that because of the attack "the enemy forfeited every right to have his towns spared."

The British in German East Africa who are continuing their forward movement against the Germans have

now occupied the town of Kondoa in Irangi region.

Considerable casualties were inflicted on the Germans.

The British also have been successful in an operation near Dueidar, Egypt, repulsing with heavy casualties a Turkish attack. In an engagement near Quatia village, however, the British were forced to retreat before a Turkish column superior in numbers.

In Mesopotamia, despite their recent check, the British are keeping up their efforts to lift the siege of Kut-el-Amara. The town of Sannaiyat still is under the bombardment of the British guns.

Constantinople, reporting on the repulse of the British at Falahie last week, says the British losses were more than 3,000, about 2,000 men being killed.

A defeat of the Russians on the centre of the Turkish line in the Caucasus region is recorded by Constantinople but the Russian war office announces that Turkish attempts to advance were frustrated, and a Turkish offensive in the direction of the Irangi region.

England has received another visit from Zeppelins, three of the airships having dropped incendiary bombs on the eastern countries.

ZEPPELINS DROP BOMBS ON BRITAIN LAST NIGHT

London, April 25.—Three Zeppelins visited the eastern countries last night, dropping incendiary bombs, according to the official announcement.

Seventy bombs were dropped and one man was injured. Four or five Zeppelins, the official press bureau says, took part in the raid.

RECRUITING INCREASES ARMY SATISFACTORILY

Washington, April 25.—While 4,699 men have enlisted in the army since March 15, when congress authorized an increase of 20,000, army officials to-day estimated that the actual net gain has been something over 2,000.

Army officials said the present recruiting is satisfactory and above normal, recruiting proceeding at the rate of about 4,000 men monthly.

TELEPHONE INVENTOR TO BE CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Alexander Graham Bell Will Visit Charleston, Together With Scientists, Governors and Other Prominent Men—Leading Southern Educators on Program.

Charleston, S. C., April 24.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, scientist and inventor of the Bell telephone, will be one of the speakers at the Southern Conference of the National Security league, which will be held here Friday and Saturday, according to an announcement by the local committee on arrangements. Other speakers will include Henry S. Breckinridge, assistant secretary of war under Secretary Lindley M. Garrison; Dr. J. Bernard Walker, editor of the Scientific American; Dr. Frederick L. Hildekoper, well known writer on military subjects, and S. Stanwood Menken, president of the National Security league. The complete program has not been announced as yet,

but in addition to the speakers named it is expected that some of the following will be among the speakers: Gov. McCreary of Kentucky, Gov. Harris of Georgia, Gov. Hall of Louisiana, Gov. Ferguson of Texas and Gov. McDonald of New Mexico. There will be two sessions of the conference Friday, and at least one Saturday, with a possibility of more. Mayor Tristram T. Hyde of Charleston has issued invitations to over 200 southern cities to send delegates, and acceptance have been received from a large number. Gov. Manning of South Carolina has also invited a large number of delegates. The local committee has announced that several leading educators of the south will be on the program.

FARMERS' AFFAIRS IN FINE CONDITION

Commenting on the general situation in this state with respect to the farmers, W. W. Long, state farm demonstration agent, under direction of the federal department of Agriculture, Saturday said the farmers of South Carolina "are in better shape with respect to their crops than at any time since 1911." The preparation for planting was better and more carefully planned this spring than has been previously noticed, he added.

"The farmers owe far less money at the present time than they did one year ago, and, generally, in every other particular their affairs are in much more favorable conditions," he declared.

It will soon be time to get on friendly terms again with your kin folks out in the country.

RUSSIAN TROOPS SENT TO FRANCE

Marseilles, France, April 25.—Another contingent of Russian troops arrived here this morning.

The first force of Russians arrived at Marseilles on Thursday of last week and on Saturday passed through Lyons on way northward, presumably for service with the French troops at the front. The number of men in the expedition was not disclosed, although the Russian complement was described as "a strong force."

It was intimated in dispatches from Marseilles that possibly a quarter of a million men would be sent this spring from Russia to France, as Russia has more men under training than she can use on her fighting line, and it is easier to equip them in France than in Russia.

Indications Are That Powerful Factors Are Working to Prevent Breach.

SOME CONCESSIONS
WILL BE OFFERED

Whether They Will Be Sufficient Is Question Which Time Alone Will Answer—Imperial Government Put in Exceedingly Difficult Position.

GERMANS OPPOSED TO
BREAK WITH U. S.

Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action which might lead to severance of diplomatic relations with United States—would go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with this country.

Washington, April 24.—Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are understood to be contained in confidential dispatches received to-day by the state department from Ambassador Gerard. Socialists and Labor leaders are represented as being particularly adverse to any such move. Other dispatches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare. It still is uncertain, however, whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American demands.

Willing to Go Far
Officials allowed it to become known that Mr. Gerard's dispatch indicated that Germany would go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. Mr. Gerard is understood to have gained his views during conversations with Berlin officials, including Foreign Minister von Jagow. His dispatches are said to emphasize the difficulties by which the German government is (Continued on Page 8)

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

The Situation Favorable in Practically All Departments and Optimism General.

Baltimore.—The outlook for spring business continues bright among wholesalers, retailers and manufacturers. Retail trade in seasonable lines is showing up well, sales of Easter specialties being of good proportions. Most manufacturing plants are operating on full time, and a number of new factories have been recently opened. There are also instances of extensive additions to some old established industries which promise employment at an early date to several thousand workmen. It is thought that while there are indications of a lessening of the cotton acreage in the south, there will be more land planted in other staple crops this spring than in 1915. The business being done in wholesale dry goods, notions, millinery, shoes, etc., is showing expansion. Manufacturers of most lines of wearing apparel, including dresses, middie blouses and men's clothing continue busy. Real estate operations locally are showing increased activity, including erection of dwellings in suburban districts and the building of warehouses and stores in the business sections. Bank clearings show large gains over this period of last year.

Richmond.—The business outlook continues favorable, although in some lines sales are considerably unsatisfactory.
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